GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Trial of Talgo Train
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has launched first and second trial of Spanish train Talgo recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the result of the trials thereto;

(c) the features of the said train and the amount likely to be incurred for purchase of each Spanish train;

(d) the time by which the said train is likely to be pressed into operation for passengers;

(e) whether the Government has entered into any agreement for transfer of technology for manufacture of such trains in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The trials with Talgo Coaches started with effect from 24.05.2016. The trials on main line track have been completed. The trials on Rajdhani track are under progress.

(c) & (d): The main features of Talgo Coaches are:-
(i) Natural tilting leading to higher speed on curves.
(ii) Independent Axle-less wheels.
(iii) Lightweight Aluminium body coaches.
(iv) Disc brake system.
(v) Articulated wheels to keep wheel parallel to track.
(vi) Integrated suspension.
(vii) Enhanced passenger comfort.
(viii) Designed for operational speed of 200 kmph.
Presently there is no proposal to purchase Talgo coaches. As such, purchase cost is not available.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.
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